



IDF TERMS & JOBS

ENGLISH	HEBREW	DEFINITION
Atuda	עתודה	Program in which you defer army service in order to study in university. The army pays your tuition and you sign on to serve (extended service) in a capacity that will reflect your studies.
Bakum	בקו"ם	Recruitment and Release Center
Beinish (Ben Yeshiva)	בייניש	Hesder Soldier
Chamshush (Chamishi, Shishi, V'Shabbat)	חמשו"ש	Vacation from Thursday to Sunday
Chapash (Chayal Pashut)	חפ"ש	Regular soldier, private
Chir (Cheil Raglim)	חי"ר	Infantry
Chiyul	חיול	The process of becoming an active duty soldier during Hesder
COGAT	מתאם פעולות הממשלה בשטחים	The Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories Unit addresses the needs of communities in Judea and Samaria and Gaza, including large Palestinian populations.
Gadsar (Gdudei Siyur)	גדס"ר	Reconnaissance Battalions. Each Gadsar is made up of three specialized Plugot (companies): Demolitions and combat engineering (Plugat Heil Handasa, or Palhan), Reconnaissance (Plugat Siyur, Palsar) and Anti-Tank (Plugat Neged Tankim, or Palnat).

Gdud	גדוד	Battalion
Gibbush	גיבוש	Tryouts for different units
Gibbush Matkal	גיבוש מטכ"ל	Tryouts for IDF Elite Unit Sayaret Matkal
Giyus	גיוס	Recruitment day, the day you begin the army. Literally - recruitment.
Hesder	הסדר	Combined yeshiva and army program
Imun mitkadem	אימון מתקדם	Advanced training
Jobnik	ג'ובניק	Non-combat soldier
Kashar Mem Mem	קשר מ"מ	Soldier chosen to be the assistant to the Mem Mem (There are also similar positions, such as Kashar Mem Pey)
Kav	קו	Active duty (literally serving on a front "line")
Kitah	כיתה	Squad Commander
Ktzin Miyun	קצין מיון	Placement Officer
Lishkat Giyus	לשכת גיוס	Recruitment Office
Machal (Mitnadvey Chutz LaAretz)	מח"ל	IDF non-citizen volunteer program
Machlaka	מחלקה	Platoon
Mador Beinish	מדור ביניש	IDF's Hesder Office (they deal with the logistics of the Hesder program from the IDF's end)
Mafkatz (Mifaked Tzevet)	מפק"ץ	Tank Commander
Mak (Mifaked Kita)	מ"כ	Squad Commander
Masaot	מסעות	Long training hikes
Mashak Dat (Mifaked She'eino Katzin - Dat)	מש"ק דת	IDF Chaplin - Soldier who works for the IDF Rabbanut (Rabbanut HaTzvait)
Maslul	מסלול	First portion of your IDF Service, made up almost entirely of tironut and imun mitkadem
Mechina	מכינה	Pre-Military academies in which many Israelis study and prepare for the Army for a year or two before their giyus
Medical Profile	פרופיל רפואי	A number that determined a person's medical eligibility to serve in various positions in the army. The score ranges from 21-97.
Mem Mem (Mifaked Machlaka)	מ"מ	Platoon Commander
Mem Pey (Mifaked Pluga)	מ"פ	Company Commander

Meyuchedet	מיוחדת	"Special" leave. Lone soldiers receive a month-long leave outside of Israel.
Michve Elon	מחווה אלון	The base where most lone soldiers are required to begin their service with a three-week or three-month ulpan that is meant to teach necessary Hebrew skills.
Mifaked	מפקד	Commander
Miluim	מילואים	Reserve Duty
Misdar	מסדר	Order - Standing in formation
Moked Bodedim	מוקד בודדים	Lone Soldier Hotline 03-737-5200
Nachal Charedi	נח"ל חרדי	Religious battalion intended for Chariedim
Negevist	נגביסט	Machine Gunner
Netzach yehuda	נצח יהודה	Religious Battalion (same as Nachal Chariedi)
Regilah	רגילה	"Regular" leave - week/10 days of vacation.
Samal	סמ"ל	Sergeant
Shaldag	שלד"ג	IDF special force unit
Shmira	שמירה	Guarding duty - every soldier spends many hours on shmira (on base and elsewhere) during his or her army service
Tironut	תירונות	Basic training
Tzahov	צהוב	Soldier who follows all the rules (slang). Literally - yellow.
Tzav Rishon	צו ראשון	The first invitation received from the IDF. The first round of interviews and medical exams with the IDF is also referred to as your Tzav Rishon.
Tzevet Lochamim	צוות לוחמים	A team of combat soldiers. Similar to "Kitah".
Yom Siddurim	יום סידורים	A special day off, usually to lone soldiers, to take care of things at the bank, government offices, etc.
Yomiyot	יומיות	Soldier who comes home every night - daily leave.